years. This is very inconvenient. It is, therefore, desired that general orders should be passed dispensing with this restriction when the water in the tank is low and insufficient for wet cultivation. There is very little of wet land under the tank. . The lands are mostly garden.

[The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the special permission required in such cases is easily obtained, and that the removal of the restriction complained of could not safely be ordered.]

Dewan's reply.—The Survey record only shows what the *mamul* has been. The right and wrong of *mamul* are not here open to question. To change the *mamul*, the other side must also be considered.

Subject No. 197.

Free use of water not stored by Government.

Summary of discussion.—After the Survey Settlement, raiyats were allowed to use, free of additional assessment, water of Hallas or water-courses unconnected with works constructed at Government cost. They have, therefore, set up at their own cost "Kapiles" or "Yatas", to such Hallas. But since the introduction of the Revenue Rules, the Revenue authorities have commenced to levy a water rate in such cases as also to inflict fines for unauthorized use of such water. The Revenue Rules may be amended in this respect.

Dewan's reply.—Only a small water rate is fixed, and this is proper.

Subject No. 198.

Licenses for date leaves for agricultural purposes.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats have to go to the Taluk Cutcherry and obtain licenses whenever they require date leaves for agricultural purposes. This is inconvenient. Patels should be authorized to issue licenses in such cases.

Dewan's reply.—No. In former days, date trees, wherever they grew, were a monopoly of the Government like sandal. But on the introduction of the Settlement, date trees on occupied lands are private property, and the occupants may take the leaves. Under such circumstances, that leaves from date trees growing on Government land are at all allowed to be taken is a concession, which should not be made too easy. If you find it inconvenient to obtain the Amildar's license, why should you not yourself grow the trees required for your use?

Subject No. 199.

Examination of restored tanks before transfer to raiyats for maintenance.

Summary of discussion.—When a tank is constructed or restored to standard, the Amildar and an Assistant Commissioner should inspect it in company with a D. P. W. Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer, and satisfy themselves that the work has been properly completed before taking charge of it. Otherwise, raiyats would be blamed for defects in the original work.

Dewan's reply.—The rule to this effect exists.